

The Buffalo International Jewish Film Festival presented a Talk Back of the documentary **Shared Legacies: African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance**, by director Shari Roger on May 4th. The film is a call for the African American and Jewish communities to remember their shared history and alliance during the Civil Rights Movement. During this JCRC sponsored event, Rabbi Adam Rosenbaum of Temple Beth Tzedek moderated a discussion between panelists Rabbi Everett Gendler, an American rabbi known for his work in the Civil Rights Movement, featured in the film, Pastor Mark E. Blue, president of the NAACP Buffalo Branch and Pastor at the Second Baptist Church, and Rene Petties-Jones, president of The National Federation for Just Communities of Western New York. The panelists discussed how to apply the lessons learned from the film to the social justice work necessary today in regards to building relationships between various communities and avoiding comparisons between the struggles experienced by different communities. The panelists also explored how the black and Jewish communities can best understand one another's pain and love. To close, Deborah Goldman powerfully stated that "we cannot rest upon the bravery and vision of the past generations, but instead honor and learn from them, using them as models for today." Watch the full Talk Back [here](#).